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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 40 Putnam Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office" (H.R. 627). This bill does not increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.



2) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building" (H.R. 1760). This bill does not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

3) Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day (H.Res. 266). This resolution has no budget implications.



for the Storage of the City's Water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming (H.R. 1046). This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to renew a water storage contract with the city of Cheyenne, WY, for the storage of the city's municipal and industrial water. The term of this and subsequent contracts would be limited to 40 years. Although the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] has not provided an official cost estimate for H.R. 1046, it did prepare a cost estimate for a substantially similar bill in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress (S. 943) That bill was not expected to have a significant effect on the budget, increasing direct spending by less than \$500,000 over 2005-14. (The direct spending effect occurs because the bill reduces an annual payment that Chevenne makes to the Federal

4) To Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to Contract with the City of Cheyenne, Wyoming,

Government. The payment is an offsetting receipt, which is treated as a form of direct spending.)

5) Potash Royalty Reduction Act of 2005 (H.R. 485).

This bill temporarily reduces the Federal royalty rates charged to producers of potassium and potassium compounds (potash) and sodium compounds and related products (soda ash) on Federal land. CBO has not provided an official cost estimate for H.R. 485, but the bill combines two bills from the 108th Congress - H.R. 4625 and H.R. 4984 - for which CBO provided cost estimates. Based on these estimates, this bill is expected to increase direct spending by \$5 million in 2006 and by \$25 million over 2006-10. (Royalties are treated as offsetting receipts - a form of direct spending - so the royalty reductions in the bill have the effect of increasing direct spending.) This increase in direct spending, though, would not cause the

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Resources Committee to exceed its allocation, and would not cause a violation of the Congressional Budget Act.

- 6) National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act of 2005 (H.R. 2107). This bill transfers \$1.4 million in monies deposited in the Treasury from the sale of a commemorative coin to fund the maintenance of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Inc. to maintain the memorial in perpetuity. Although CBO has not provided a cost estimate for this bill, it is expected to increase direct spending by \$1 million in 2006 and over 2006-10. (The transfer from the Treasury is treated as direct spending.) This bill will not cause the Resources Committee to breach its allocation of budget authority provided to it by the concurrent resolution on the budget.
- 7) Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act (H.R. 540).

  This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to treat the payment authorized under Public Law 107-339 as a payment for the transfer of 35.6 acres of the Newlands Reclamation Project to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District. Under that law, the Secretary will convey 6.3 acres of the Newlands Project, known as the Fallon rail freight loading facility, to the city of Fallon, NE, at fair market value. This bill neither increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.
- 8) *Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act* (H.R. 938).
  H.R. 938 establishes the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage
  Area [NHA] in Connecticut and Massachusetts. It designates the Upper Housatonic Valley National
  Heritage Area Inc. as manager for the proposed NHA. The manager would develop a management plan to
  provide for the protection, development, and management of the resources of the NHA. This bill neither
  increases direct spending nor reduces revenue.

## LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006

(H.R. 2360).

**Committee:** Appropriations

**Summary:** This bill provides \$19.4 billion for border protection, immigration enforcement, and related

activities, an increase of \$1.9 billion over fiscal year 2005 enacted levels and \$285 million over the President's request. The measure provides budget authority for research into screening of high-risk cargo coming into the U.S. It funds an expansion of cargo inspection at foreign ports, improvements to supply chain security, maritime security, and

support immigration enforcement efforts.

The bill provides \$3.6 billion for first responders, including grants to high threat areas, firefighters, and emergency management. It provides \$861.4 million in fiscal year 2005 in budget authority for the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate. It funds efforts to take a current inventory of the nation's infrastructures. It also provides funds to develop a secure communications system, encompassing Federal, State and local governments. (Please see the Budget Committee's *Appropriations Update* on this

measure.)

Cost: H.R. 2360 provides an overall level of \$30.85 billion for operations and activities of the

Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2006. This is \$1.37 billion more than

fiscal year 2005, but \$1.3 billion above the President's request.

**Budget Act:** This bill does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

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Bill: Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act (H.R. 1817).

Homeland Security

Summary: This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security [DHS] at \$34.152 billion for

fiscal year 2006. It provides for accelerated deployment of homeland security technology, compensation incentives to enhance recruitment of homeland security intelligence professionals, full funding for 2,000 new border patrol agents, reform of the color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System, and the creation of an Assistant Secretary for

Cybersecurity to oversee a proposed National Cybersecurity Office.

Cost: H.R. 1817 authorizes the appropriation of \$34.152 billion for fiscal year 2006 to fund the

major operations of the DHS. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenue. (Direct spending is spending not subject to annual appropriations.)

**Budget Act:** This bill does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Act, 2006 (H.R. 2361).

**Committee:** Appropriations

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**Summary:** This bill provides appropriations for a variety of resource oriented programs. Major items

include: \$2.7 billion for Wildland firefighting and National Fire Plan; \$1.8 billion for National Park Operations; \$1.4 billion for the National Forest System;\$1.0 billion for core FWS resource management programs; \$1.0 billion for the Geological Survey science programs; \$43million for Federal land acquisition; \$531 million for construction; \$3.1 billion for the Indian Health Service; \$2.0 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Operation

of Indian programs; \$654 million for BIA education; \$600 million for facilities and construction; \$2.4 billion for Environmental Programs and Management; \$1.3 billion for Superfund; and \$765 million for Environmental Science & Technology. (Please see the

Budget Committee's forthcoming *Appropriations Update* for this measure.)

**Cost:** The bill provides an overall \$26.2 billion in budget authority for programs within the Interior

Appropriations Subcommittee jurisdiction. This is \$800 million less than the fiscal year

2005 level, but \$500 million more than the President's request.

**Budget Act:** This bill does not violate any provision of the Congressional Budget Act.

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